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RE: UNITED STATES v. MICHAEL KEMP

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that Michael Kemp, age 27 of Buffalo, New York, had today entered a plea of guilty to a one-count Information before the Honorable John T. Elfvin, United States District Court Judge in Buffalo, New York. Kemp pled guilty to possessing child pornography received over the internet. Kemp is scheduled to be sentenced on August 19, 2005 at which time he will face a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin J. Littlefield said that the charges and the plea grew out of an investigation begun in 2004 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents , under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith, who had received information supplied by the German National Police (BKA). The investigation surrounded Kemp's claim on the internet that he had child pornography involving children known and available to him and that he would send the material to anyone interested, in exchange for similar materials. As a result, agents were able to seize Kemp's computer which, after being forensically examined, was determined to

contain 137 images and 9 digital movies involving children engaged in sexually explicit activity. Notwithstanding the defendant's claims on the internet, agents did not locate any child pornography produced by the defendant. Kemp was initially arrested on October 27, 2004 which culminated in his plea of guilty today.

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